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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), COMMERCE HAS RECEIVED AN INDUSTRY REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NIKOLAS A. KOURNIAKTIS, A BUSINESSMAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES TRADE WITH A FRENCH ADDRESS. KOURNIAKTIS HAS APPROACHED SEVERAL GULF COAST U.S. FISHING COMPANIES WITH AN OFFER TO PURCHASE ONE MILLION TONS OF LITTLE TUNNY FOR DELIVERY TO FRANCE, SPAIN AND GREECE, AND WILL ONLY PAY ON DELIVERY, FOB. KOURNIAKTIS HAS NOT DONE BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY WITH U.S. SUPPLIERS, BUT HAS REPORTEDLY PURCHASED SEAFOOD PRODUCTS FROM SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES. U.S. PARTIES REQUEST A CHECK ON KOURNIAKTIS BEFORE THEY INVITE HIM TO THE U.S. TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS OF HIS PROPOSAL.

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2. KOURNIAKTIS' ADDRESS IS :27 AVENUE DE CEINTURE, 95880 ENGHIEM LES BAINS. HIS TELEH ONE NUMBER IN PARIS IS 989-6340. HIS BANK REFERENCE IS BANQUE FRANCAISE ET ITALIENNE POUR L'AMERIQUE DU SUD, 12 RUE HALEVY, 75009, PARIS.

3. NMFS HAS ALREADY ASKED THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO CHECK THEIR FILES FOR ANY RECORDS OF KOURNIAKTIS' PREVIOUS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. AND WE WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION FROM THAT SOURCE. VANCE

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